

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Overview

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IIJA / BIL – The ABCs

- Became law (PL 117-58) on November 15, 2021
- \$1.2 trillion authorized/appropriated the Nation's infrastructure needs, from airports to broadband to EV charging stations to railways and water
- Roughly half for traditional transportation
- Incorporates reauthorization of the FAST Act
- Over 400 programs, set-asides, and administrative allocations across more than a dozen federal agencies



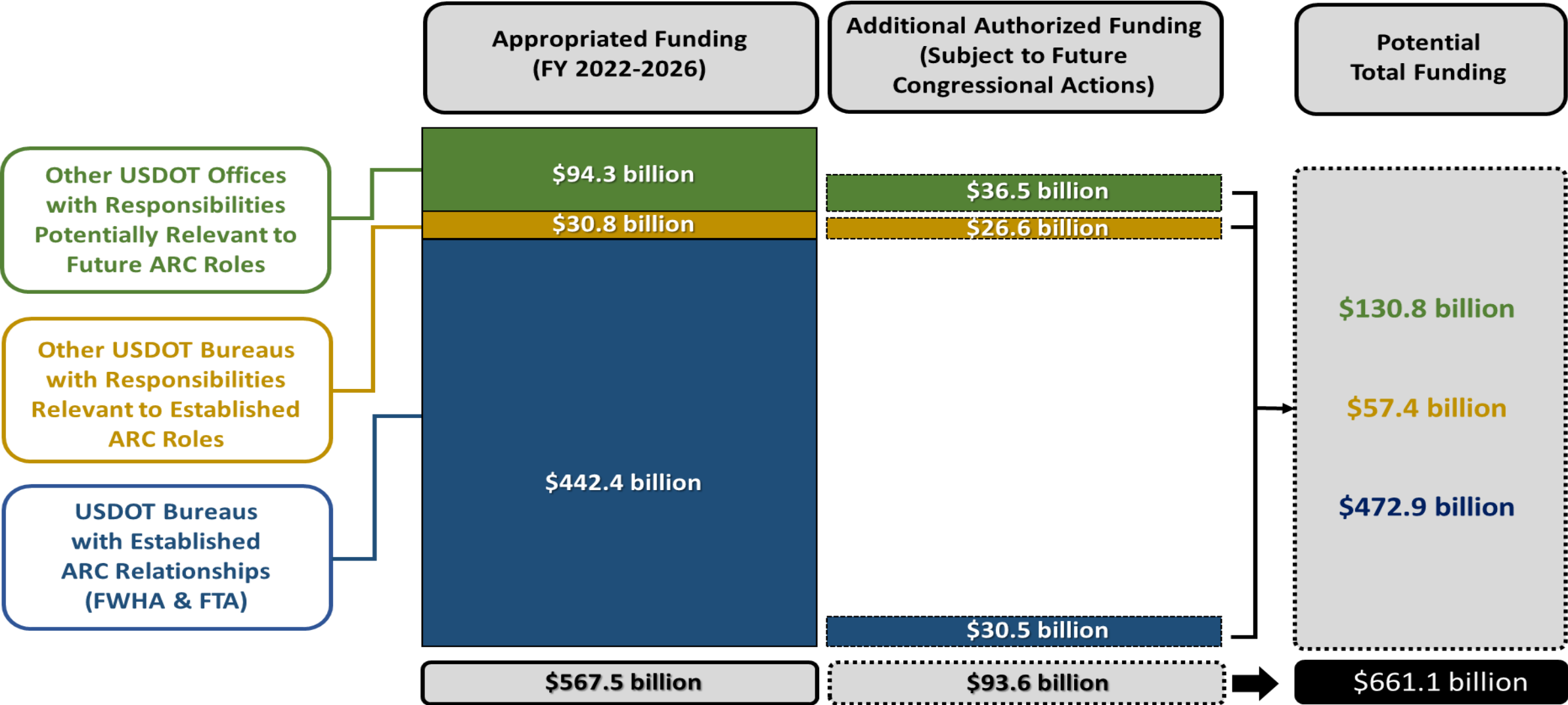
IIJA / BIL – The ABCs

- Utilizes advanced appropriations as a means to guarantee funding
- Also provides authorizations for further funding via annual appropriations in the future
- Big transportation winners (in percentage terms):
 - \$108 BILLION for Transit: 64% increase
 - \$102 BILLION for Rail: 561% increase*



** Includes commuter rail, Amtrak and other higher-performing passenger rail and freight*

USDOT Funding



Implementation Guidebook

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A GUIDEBOOK TO THE BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW FOR STATE, LOCAL, TRIBAL, AND TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENTS, AND OTHER PARTNERS



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Recommendations for Mayors on Infrastructure Implementation

Excerpt from U.S. Conference of Mayors Factsheet on how local governments can begin to prepare to receive infrastructure funds – access full factsheet [here](#).

Getting Ready to Apply for and Receive Federal Infrastructure Funds

Building a better America is a shared endeavor no one can do alone, and investing federal infrastructure dollars will require significant coordination between cities, states, Tribal governments, community stakeholders, and other key partners.

Earlier this month, the White House Infrastructure Implementation Coordinator [sent a letter to Governors](#) recommending a series of preparatory actions, including appointing infrastructure coordinators to manage the flow of funds to their states. Cities can also begin to coordinate across their departments and with metropolitan planning organizations to:

1. Prioritize your community's capital needs and develop a project pipeline – taking time to think about the projects previously considered impossible due to lack of funding or regional coordination. This is a once-in-a-generation funding opportunity that will require bold, inclusive thinking.
2. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Guidebook to identify federal funding streams to target.
3. Ensure all transit, railway, road, highway, and bridge projects are a part of your Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Improvement Plan.
4. Begin mapping sites for electric vehicle and alternative fuel charging stations.
5. Inventory and map the lead pipes in your city. Read through the Biden-Harris Lead Pipe and Paint Action Plan [here](#) for additional federal resources for this effort.

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Partnering, Prioritization & Coordination a Must

- ISTEA (1991) empowered metropolitan planning agencies to partner with state DOTs
- ARRA (2008) provided a test case for directing federal funds to locally identified projects
- Building on the TIGER program from ARRA
- Many entities (cities, counties, MPOs, non-profits) are eligible to apply for federal funds directly, but many lack resources to compete successfully
- "Shovel-ready" now "shovel-worthy"

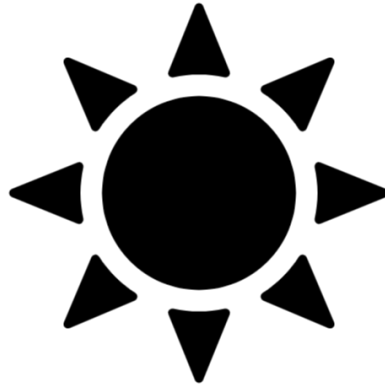


Key Administration Objectives

EQUITY



CLIMATE



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



Implementation guidance from agencies will be critical in the coming months and years

Justice40 Initiative



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

FROM: Shalanda D. Young, Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget
Brenda Mallory, Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality
Gina McCarthy, National Climate Advisor

SUBJECT: Interim Implementation Guidance for the Justice40 Initiative

Justice40 is a whole-of-government effort to ensure that Federal agencies work with states and local communities to make good on President Biden's promise to deliver at least 40 percent of the overall benefits from Federal investments in climate and clean energy to disadvantaged communities.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 14008



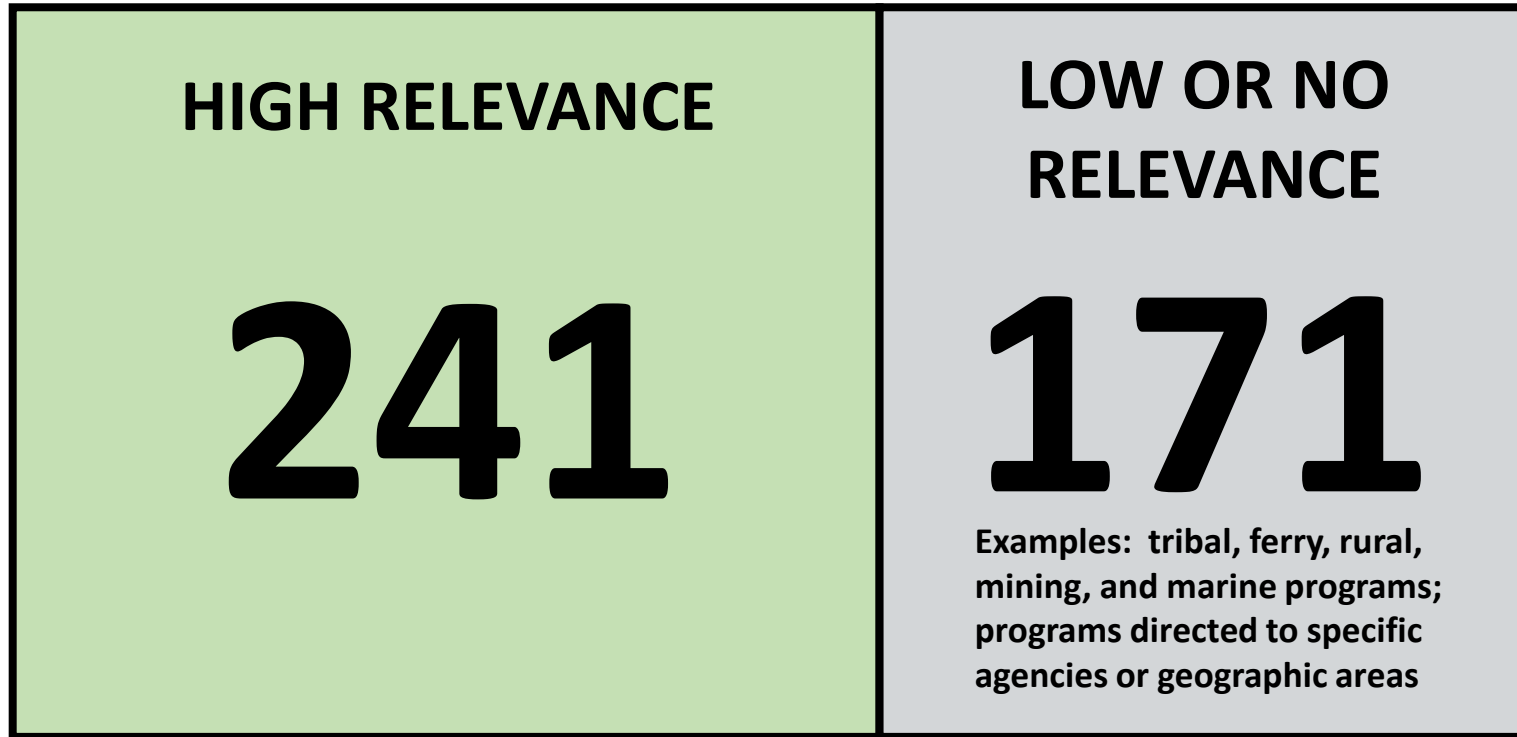
Sec. 223. Justice40 Initiative. (a) Within 120 days of the date of this order, the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and the National Climate Advisor, in consultation with the Advisory Council, shall jointly publish recommendations on how certain Federal investments might be made toward a goal that 40 percent of the overall benefits flow to disadvantaged communities. The recommendations shall focus on investments in the areas of clean energy and energy efficiency; clean transit; affordable and sustainable housing; training and workforce development; the remediation and reduction of legacy pollution; and the development of critical clean water infrastructure. The recommendations shall reflect existing authorities the agencies may possess for achieving the 40-percent goal as well as recommendations on any legislation needed to achieve the 40-percent goal.

(b) In developing the recommendations, the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and the National Climate Advisor shall consult with affected disadvantaged communities.

(c) Within 60 days of the recommendations described in subsection (a) of this section, agency heads shall identify applicable program investment funds based on the recommendations and consider interim investment guidance to relevant program staff, as appropriate and consistent with applicable law.

(d) By February 2022, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, in coordination with the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality, the Administrator of the United States Digital Service, and other relevant agency heads, shall, to the extent consistent with applicable law, publish on a public website an annual Environmental Justice Scorecard detailing agency environmental justice performance measures.

Relevance of IJA / BIL Programs to the Atlanta Region

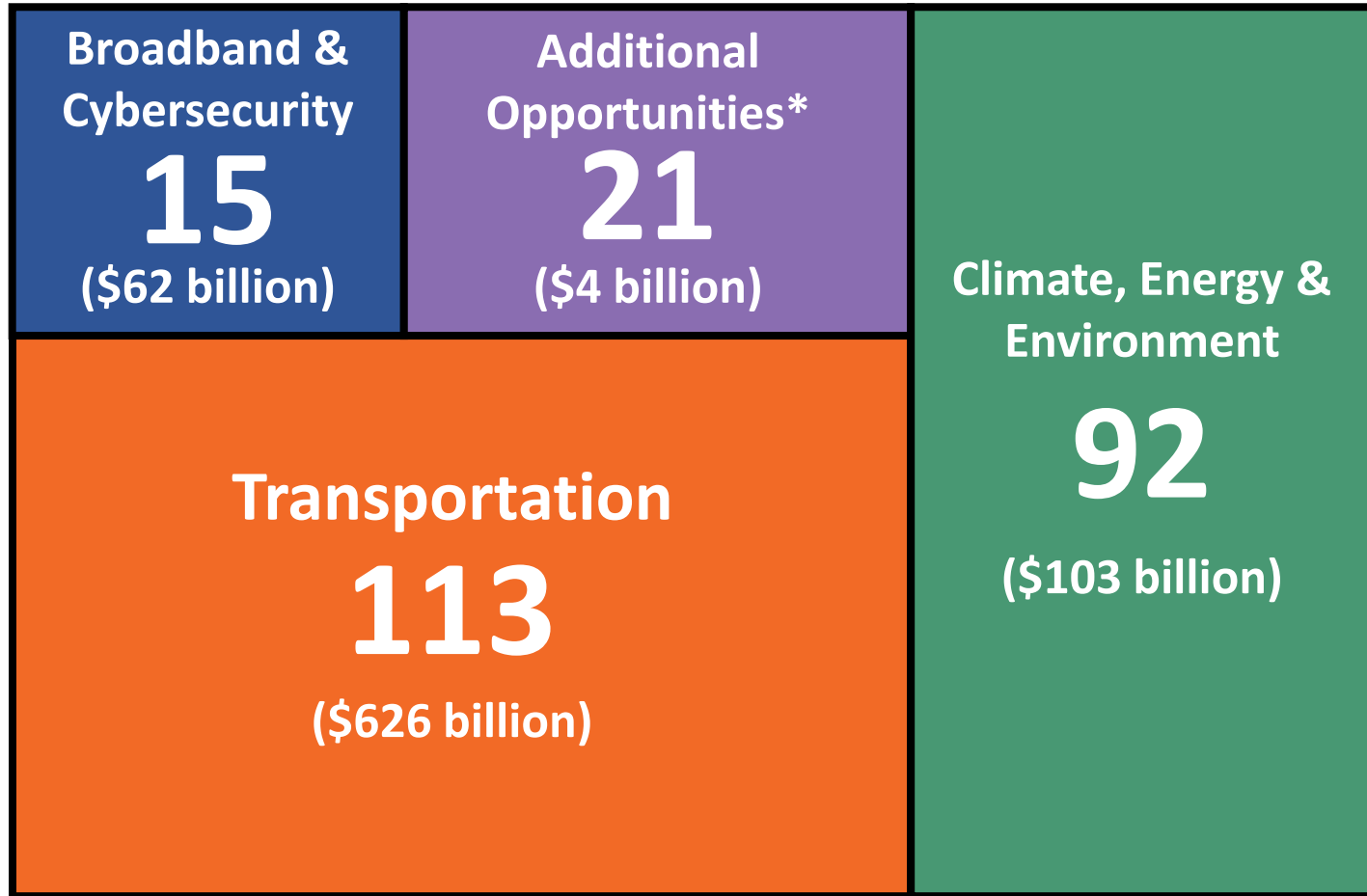


412 TOTAL PROGRAMS*



** The initial count of 412 distinct funding programs is subject to change as ARC continues to review and organize information from multiple sources. Each program's relevance to the region may also change as official guidance and details become available.*

IJA / BIL Programs Relevant to the Atlanta Region



**241 TOTAL
PROGRAMS**

* Examples: Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grants; Emergency Preparedness Grants; Appalachian Regional Commission Funds; National Geological And Geophysical Data Preservation Program

Conclusion

- Federal agencies are hiring thousands of new employees to implement the IIJA / BIL
- On-boarding and training these personnel is underway even as Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs) are drafted
- Will be extremely important for ARC to develop the tools to support
- Highly recommend following the White House Implementation Team
- Need to follow NOFOs in real time ([BUILD.GOV](https://www.build.gov))
- ARC is uniquely qualified to help position our local governments for success in discretionary program applications





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